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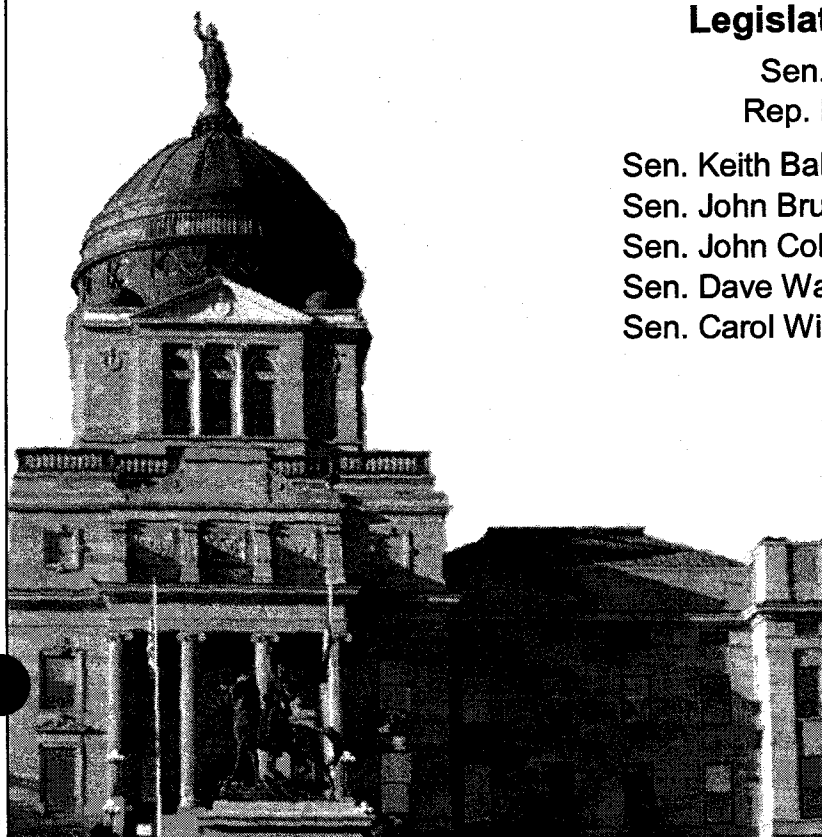
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Members of the 60th Legislature:

In accordance with 5-12-302, MCA, I submit for your consideration the Legislative Fiscal Division budget analysis for the September 2007 special session. It is our goal that this report provide the fiscal information necessary to assist committees and legislators as you deliberate the fiscal issues on wildfire suppression funding included in the Governor's special session call.

This report includes the following:

- o Background information on the events leading to a special session
- o A summary of the Governor's special session call and budget proposal
- o Background information and a staff analysis of the wildfire suppression issue
- o A projection of the General Fund balance as of the end of the 2007 and 2009 biennia

Your staff of the Legislative Fiscal Division look forward to being of service to the legislature during this special session. We are here to assist legislators in obtaining the best possible fiscal information for making the difficult decisions that lie ahead. Please feel free to call on us to assist you in your deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,



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